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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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SUBJ: EMBASSY SECURITY; CAUTIOUS BUILD-UP

1. THIS EVENING WE BREATHED A CAUTIOUS SIGH OF RELIEF
WITH THE ARRIVAL AT CHANCERY OF LEBANESE ARMY LT AND
TWENTY SOLDIERS. IN MEETING WITH RSO, LT STATED THAT
DURING LATE AFTERNOON, 15 MARCH, LEBANESE ARMY HIGH COMMAND
FOLLOWERS AND COUP LEADER GEN. AHDAB HAD JOINED FORCES WITH LT
KHATIB. LT STATED HE HAD RECEIVED ORDERS FROM LT KHATIB
TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY. THIS IMMEDIATE
ARRIVAL OF SECURITY FOLLOWED CHRONOLOGICALLY WITH OFFER MADE AT
NOON TODAY BY RAYMOND EDDE, TO CHARGE, FOR BETTER
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SECURITY AT CHANCERY. CONNECTION CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.

2. AS ALWAYS, THERE IS AN ILOGICAL HUMOROUS SIDE IN THE LEBANON. AS RSO WAS DEPARTING LT'S OFFICE, SUPPER WAS DELIVERED WITH COMPLIMENTS OF LT KHATIB. THE MENU CONSISTED OF STEAK, FRENCH FRIES AND OMLETS. HARDLY A SOLDIERS DIET IN COMBAT BUT THE MORALE OF "OUR" LT AND HIS MEN IS REPORTED TO BE HIGH.
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